



# LA VERNIA CITY PARK PICKLEBALL COURTS

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Pickleball Courts at La Vernia City Park is a collaborative initiative between the City of La Vernia and the La Vernia Municipal Development District (MDD), driven by significant community interest and resident advocacy. Recognizing the growing popularity of pickleball, this project seeks to establish dedicated courts within the city park to promote recreation, healthy living, and community engagement.

Pickleball is among the fastest-growing sports in the country, offering a fun and accessible activity suitable for all ages and skill levels. With strong support from La Vernia residents, this project aims to enhance the city's recreational offerings while fostering social connections and improving the overall quality of life.

The planned installation of pickleball courts represents more than just a recreational upgrade; it is a testament to La Vernia's commitment to fostering a vibrant, active community. By providing a welcoming space for play and exercise, the courts are expected to become a central hub for community gatherings, tournaments, and events that strengthen bonds among residents. Moreover, the addition of these courts is anticipated to attract visitors from neighboring areas, thereby boosting local tourism and supporting small businesses. This project aligns with the city's broader goals of promoting wellness, inclusivity, and economic growth, ensuring that La Vernia remains a desirable place to live, work, and play.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT & DEMAND

The needs and support for pickleball courts in La Vernia has been clearly illustrated through various channels, including:

- **Public Surveys:** Residents have shown significant interest in adding pickleball facilities.
- **Social Media Engagement:** Community conversations reveal a strong demand for designated courts.
- **Direct Requests to City & MDD:** Families, seniors, and local organizations have actively lobbied for new pickleball courts.

We would like to express our gratitude to Kickin Asphalt, a valued community partner willing to share costs for this project. While we are open to a formal bidding process if necessary, we appreciate the chance to collaborate with a local organization committed to the success of this initiative. The La Vernia MDD is dedicated to supporting local businesses, and benefiting our community makes this project more feasible while amplifying its impact.

As pickleball continues to gain popularity across Texas, many local families, schools, and senior groups have voiced the need for a dedicated space to play. Installing these courts will create an inclusive environment for players of all skill levels and will enhance the recreational appeal of La Vernia City Park.

## BENEFITS TO LA VERNIA CITY PARK & THE COMMUNITY

The introduction of pickleball courts will provide numerous advantages, including:

- **Inclusive Recreation:** Pickleball is easy to learn and accommodates all age groups and skill levels, making it a sport that unites the community.
- **Health & Wellness:** Encourages active lifestyles by promoting cardiovascular fitness, coordination, and social interaction.
- **Expanded Park Amenities:** Adds a new recreational option, increasing the appeal of La Vernia City Park and furthering its role as a hub for community activities.
- **Economic Growth:** Attracts visitors to the area, supporting local businesses and encouraging tourism-related spending.
- **Intergenerational Play:** Provides an opportunity for individuals of all ages—children, adults, and seniors—to engage in a shared recreational activity.

## CITY-LED MAINTENANCE & UPKEEP

To ensure the longevity and quality of the pickleball courts, the City of La Vernia will be responsible for their ongoing maintenance. The city's commitment to maintaining these courts will include:

- **Routine Cleaning & Safety Inspections:** Regular cleaning to remove debris and maintain a safe playing environment.
- **Surface Resurfacing & Net Maintenance:** Periodic resurfacing to keep the courts in top condition and ensure playability.
- **Line Repainting & Facility Upkeep:** Repainting court lines as necessary to preserve visibility and quality.

By implementing a structured maintenance plan, the City of La Vernia aims to uphold the highest standards of quality and ensure that the courts remain a valuable community asset for years to come.

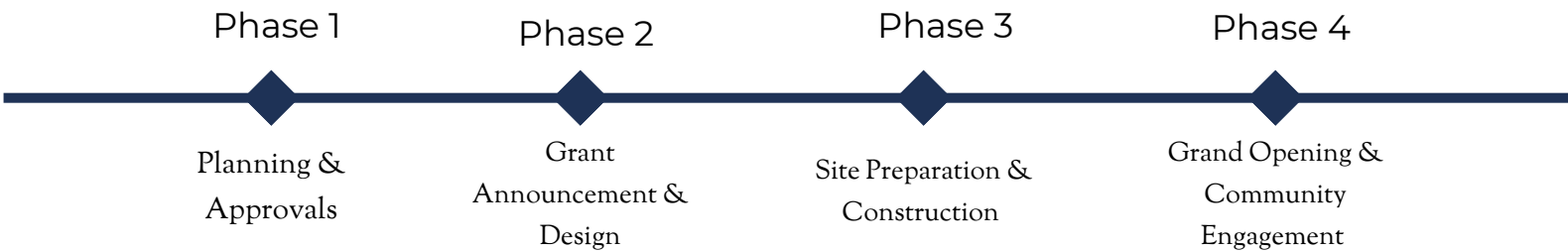
## A VISION FOR COMMUNITY GROWTH

The Pickleball Courts at La Vernia City Park represent more than just a recreational addition—they are an investment in the city's future. This initiative highlights the City of La Vernia's commitment to fostering active lifestyles, creating meaningful community interactions, and enhancing public spaces.

By listening to residents and working in partnership with organizations like the Guadalupe Valley Electric Cooperative (GVEC) and other local supporters, the City of La Vernia and MDD are ensuring that the community has access to premier recreational amenities.

This project marks a significant step toward the continued development of La Vernia's parks and public spaces, ensuring that all residents have access to high-quality recreational opportunities. Through careful planning, strong community involvement, and dedicated maintenance efforts, the pickleball courts will serve as a lasting feature that enhances both the physical and social well-being of La Vernia's residents.

# Project Timeline: Pickleball Courts at La Vernia City Park



## Phase 1: Planning & Approvals

- Finalize site selection within La Vernia City Park.
- Gather cost estimates from Kickin' Asphalt.
- Confirm funding sources (MDD budget, grants, or sponsorships)
- Gather letters of support from the community

## Phase 2: Grant Announcement & Design

Week 1-2 :

- Grant Award Announcement: Secure external funding to move forward with the project.
- Publicly announce grant funding and project go-ahead.
- Kickin' Asphalt finalizes site prep plan.

Week 3-4:

- Finalize court design (surfacing, fencing, lighting, seating).
- Order materials for surfacing, nets, and other amenities.
- Coordinate with utility companies for drainage or electrical adjustments.
- Order signage for court rules and community branding.

## Phase 3: Site Preparation & Construction

Week 5:

- Kickin' Asphalt begins excavation and grading.

Week 6-8:

- Pour and cure asphalt or concrete court surface.
- Apply court surfacing and color coating.

Week 9:

- Install nets, fencing, and lighting.
- Paint pickleball court lines and add finishing touches

## Phase 4: Grand Opening & Community Engagement

Week 10:

- Final inspections and quality check.
- Ribbon-cutting event with city officials and community.
- Organize a Pickleball Kickoff Event and open play sessions.



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## **List of Matching Donations and In-Kind Contributions**

The City of La Vernia will contribute matching funds to cover the remaining expenses of the grant. Additionally, the La Vernia MDD will fund the necessary materials for the court, such as the net. The contractor, Kickin Asphalt, is generously donating services valued at \$10,000, which will significantly benefit the project. Furthermore, the City of La Vernia will take care of both current and future maintenance costs for the courts.

**Project Budget**

Items listed must be supported by bids or documentation

**Project Funding**

Show how the item will be funded in whole or in part

Budget Item		Vendor	Total Cost	Organization Monetary Contribution	Donations	GVEC Power Up Grant Request
					\$ -	\$
1	2 Courts	Kickin' Asphalt	\$ 60,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000
2			\$	\$	\$	\$
3			\$	\$	\$	\$
4			\$	\$	\$	\$
5			\$	\$	\$	\$
6			\$	\$	\$	\$
7			\$	\$	\$	\$
8			\$	\$	\$	
9			\$	\$	\$	
10			\$	\$	\$	
11			\$	\$	\$	
12			\$	\$	\$	
	<b>TOTAL DOLLARS</b>		\$ 60,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,000

In-Kind Service related to current project		Vendor or Individual	In-Kind Value
1	Labor	Kickin' Asphalt	\$ 10,000
2			\$
3			\$
	<b>TOTAL IN-KIND</b>		\$ 10,000

Kickin' Asphalt, LLC  
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Saint Hedwig, TX 78152  
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**ADDRESS**

City of La Vernia Municipal  
Development District  
La Vernia, Texas

Estimate

DATE 02/06/2025

DATE	ACTIVITY	AMOUNT
02/06/2025	<b>Asphalt Custom</b> Pickleball Court 30'x60' Playing Area 20' x 44'  To include base and hot mix asphalt with top coating  This price includes the \$10,000 labor discount	20,000.00
02/06/2025	<b>Services</b> Kickin' Asphalt LLC will donate \$10,000.00 in labor costs to this project Estimated cost would have been \$30,000.00	0.00

Thank you for your business! We accept cash, checks, and credit cards (paid thru Quickbooks online with a fee associated)

\*\* Estimate must be signed and returned via email to Kickin' Asphalt, LLC before work will begin. By signing this estimate you agree to the terms listed below.

\*\* Please note that payments are due: half down at start of job and FINAL PAYMENT DUE AT COMPLETION OF JOB - unless otherwise approved by Kickin' Asphalt, LLC

\*\* If final payment is NOT received at completion of job there will be a 30% late fee added to the remaining balance.

\*\* If Final payment is not received within 10 days of completion of job, Kickin' Asphalt, LLC will - under Chapter 53 of the Texas Property Code - file a lien on the customer's property at which the work by Kickin' Asphalt, LLC was completed. Customers will be responsible for ALL legal fees incurred if a lien is placed on customer's property due to nonpayment.

\*\* Please note that the email will also have warranty information documentation. Email delivery of this document acts as acknowledgement/agreement with Kickin' Asphalt's warranty agreement

TOTAL

\$20,000.00

Accepted By

Accepted Date



Date of this notice: 11-06-2008

X Employer Identification Number:  
26-3670605

Form: SS-4

Number of this notice: CP 575 E

LA VERNIA MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT  
DISTRICT  
% D BRADFORD BECK  
PO BOX 1184  
LA VERNIA, TX 78121

For assistance you may call us at:  
1-800-829-4933

IF YOU WRITE, ATTACH THE  
STUB AT THE END OF THIS NOTICE.

WE ASSIGNED YOU AN EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

Thank you for applying for an Employer Identification Number (EIN). We assigned you EIN 26-3670605. This EIN will identify you, your business accounts, tax returns, and documents, even if you have no employees. Please keep this notice in your permanent records.

When filing tax documents, payments, and related correspondence, it is very important that you use your EIN and complete name and address exactly as shown above. Any variation may cause a delay in processing, result in incorrect information in your account, or even cause you to be assigned more than one EIN. If the information is not correct as shown above, please make the correction using the attached tear off stub and return it to us.

Assigning an EIN does not grant tax-exempt status to non-profit organizations. Publication 557, *Tax Exempt Status for Your Organization*, has details on the application process, as well as information on returns you may need to file. To apply for formal recognition of tax-exempt status, most organizations will need to complete either Form 1023, *Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code*, or Form 1024, *Application for Recognition of Exemption Under Section 501(a)*. Submit the completed form, all applicable attachments, and the required user fee to:

Internal Revenue Service  
PO Box 192  
Covington, KY 41012-0192

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 contains numerous changes to the tax law provisions affecting tax-exempt organizations, including an annual electronic notification requirement (Form 990-N) for organizations not required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ). Additionally, if you are required to file an annual information return, you may be required to file it electronically. Please refer to the Charities & Non-Profits page at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for the most current information on your filing requirements and on provisions of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 that may affect you.

To obtain tax forms and publications, including those referenced in this notice, visit our Web site at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). If you do not have access to the Internet, call 1-800-829-3676 (TTY/TDD 1-800-829-4059) or visit your local IRS office.



February 1, 2025

To whom it may concern,

Falafel, ace, dink, are all words I started hearing a few years back from my grandchildren and as usual I am thinking I just can't keep up with these kids anymore. As a retired disabled vet living in a small town, I am always looking for ways to keep active, granted my football days are over yet, I am not anywhere close to being done. I have always loved Texas allowing my wife and myself to be outdoors every month of the year where we really enjoy exercising, walking and just going out to our local town park. About a year ago after asking my grandchild one day what "falafel" and "dink" meant was where we got introduced to pickle ball. What a sport where not only as an older disabled vet even my 7-year-old grandchild can enjoy a simple game of pickle ball. The more we investigated this game and started playing we have just fallen in love with pickle ball, and it has added so much to our life. Granted my first thought, playing tennis is something where it would prove to be too strenuous and exhausting for someone like me. That is true yet pickle ball being played on a much smaller court and lighter rackets has proven to be perfect for not only my health, and well-being, let us just say I've won more than I've lost. San Antonio (25 miles) being the closest choice to having a chance of being able to find a public pickle ball court with the intention of playing and not having to reserve well in advance. This prompted me at taking a closer look at our county (Wilson County 55,000 people) to find there are no public courts available. Private courts are popping up all over yet usually involve membership and or some type of dues.

Being a part of the inner workings of La Vernia, a small town, sitting on a few boards including Parks and Recreation, my older grandson has told me (Pow Pow) more than once to just build a pickle ball court in our city park. Granted my grandchildren feel at times I can do anything which has prompted me to discuss this with our city office (City Hall) on more than a few occasions. Recently, after becoming aware of the city, applying for a grant from GVEC on possibly partnering with the intention of making this happen. I took a look at the GVEC objectives for such a program, and it appears all the boxes can be checked one way or another (Education • Youth Programs • Health Care • Community Development • Civic and Community Outreach • Public Safety/Service Organizations). Knowing what this would offer at just my family level is amazing yet looking at the wider angle as to the health benefits (for all ages), the strengthening of the community, keeping up with the times, and having a pickle ball court just down the street is icing on the cake. The whole pickle ball idea is an "Ace", and I am so looking forward to Playing in the park one day soon.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hyland (la Vernia resident)  
MDD, Parks & Recreation  
La Vernia, Texas

To whom it may concern,

My name is Debbie Nutt, and am an active member of our La Vernia community. As most La Vernianites know, our city is made up of so many different walks of life, and growing more and more diverse, on a daily basis. But one thing is certain, activity is a common factor in a lot of families' lives. Physical activity being one of the more popular things to do. With that being said, it has become very apparent that most sports facilities that all can use, are represented around town, with the exception of one, up-and-coming sport, pickleball. With its popularity growing, we have heard several people request this in several local social media sites. We are finding that not only young people are interested in participating in this sport, but people of all ages.

Because of this, I would like to endorse a grant for the building of pickleball courts in La Vernia. I truly believe that these courts will attract more people to our park and will bring a more physically active community. And with its low impact movement, will bring more out to participate.

With these facility enhancements being made, I truly believe more special events will follow, inevitably bringing growth and fiscal gains to our city. Who can't agree with that?

I thank you for your consideration and time,

Debbie Nutt

**Christopher Metcalf**

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La vernia, Tx 78121

01/31/2025

GVEC Power Up Grant Committee

**Subject:** Letter of Support for Pickleball Court Grant Application

Dear Members of the GVEC Power Up Grant Committee,

I am writing to express my enthusiastic support for the grant application submitted to fund the construction of a pickleball court in our community park. This project represents a meaningful step toward enhancing recreational opportunities for residents of all ages in our area.

Pickleball is one of the fastest-growing sports in the country, and its accessibility makes it a wonderful addition to our community. A dedicated court would provide a safe and welcoming space for individuals and families to enjoy physical activity, build social connections, and participate in a sport that is both inclusive and highly engaging.

The addition of a pickleball court aligns with the community's commitment to fostering healthy living and creating shared spaces where people can come together. Such a facility would be utilized for casual play, organized leagues, and events, all of which would promote physical fitness, community engagement, and a stronger sense of belonging among residents.

I wholeheartedly support this project and believe it will be a tremendous asset to our community. I urge you to consider awarding this grant to make this vision a reality. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Chris Metcalf